



## CORAZONES

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### CORAZÓN PURO: BUILDING LEADERS FOR THE JUBILEE AND BEYOND



*By Fr. Agustino Torres*

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, we are inspired by Pope Leo XIV's exhortation: **"Remember the poor."** His apostolic exhortation emphasized that authentic Christian life cannot be separated from care for those most in need. This repeats Jesus who taught that charity is not optional—it is the beating heart of the Gospel. We are called to see Christ in the poor and to work tirelessly for their dignity. This is not just a historical note; it is a living mandate for us today.

Corazón Puro has embraced this call with renewed vigor. Our mission is clear: to form leaders who will serve in areas of great need, bringing hope and holiness where resources are scarce. Through our **Missionary Formation Institute**, we are equipping leaders with vital skills to strengthen parish life. These leaders are not only catechists or volunteers—they are missionaries of renewal. By investing in their formation, we aim to ensure that parishes in underserved communities have strong, faithful leadership capable of transforming hearts and sustaining vibrant Catholic life.

Another critical initiative is **R.E.A.L. Formation**, which addresses one of the most pressing challenges in the Church: retaining young people after Confirmation. Too often, our youth drift away, especially in poorer parishes where programs and mentors are limited. R.E.A.L. Formation is designed to "move the needle" by creating pathways for ongoing engagement, discipleship, and authentic community. We believe that when young people encounter Christ deeply and consistently, they remain rooted in the faith—and become leaders themselves.

Our flagship **Corazón Puro program** continues to bear incredible fruit. We see this in the lives of leaders like Eli and Dani, who recently became engaged during our Jubilee pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. Their story is a testament to the beauty of vocation and mission intertwined. Dani a teacher and photographer joyfully shares creative ways of building up community and Eli has been forming men to serve as altar servers—men who are strong, disciplined, and reverent. It's impressive to see these six-foot-tall, well-built young men treasure the privilege of serving at Holy Mass and Benediction. Their example speaks volumes: true strength is found in humility before the Lord.

We keep Eli, Dani, and all our engaged couples in prayer. As St. John Paul II reminded us, "As marriage goes, so goes society." By supporting holy marriages and strong families, we are building the future of the Church—one heart at a time.

This Jubilee is not just a celebration; it is a commissioning. Pope Leo's words echo across the continents, calling us to remember the poor and to act with courage and love. Corazón Puro is answering that call by forming leaders, strengthening parishes, and fostering vocations. Together, let us continue to build a Church that reflects the heart of Christ—a Church where every person, especially the poor, knows they are loved.



Fr. Agustino, CFR at Seton Hall Parish Mission



Eli and Dani Engagement



CP Orange County Monthly Meeting



Fr. Agustino, CFR & LxCP San Ramon, Costa Rica

# PURE HEART/CORAZÓN PURO 2025: COMMUNITIES UNITED IN MISSION

## Corazón Puro Northern California Formation and Mission



CP Norcal Core Team

Since returning to the San Junípero Serra Friary in January 2025, **Corazón Puro NorCal has transformed into a true spiritual family rooted in prayer, fellowship, and shared mission.** The community continues to grow not only in number but in depth of faith and unity of heart.

This year has been marked by significant growth within the core team. Two members, Sai and Andrea, attended Missionary Formation Week with unmistakable impact. Andrea has been traveling throughout the Bay Area offering talks on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, while Sai joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in their Pan de Vida ministry, bringing Eucharistic-centered retreats to youth and families. The entire core team will now attend the Missionary Formation program on Advanced Preaching Skills, demonstrating their commitment to be formed, transformed, and sent as missionary disciples.

With anticipation for their first-stage retreat in May, Corazon Puro NorCal continues to be a place where God's family grows in love, holiness, and joyful mission.

## Corazón Puro Orange County Deepening Communion

Corazón Puro Orange County (CPOC) has grown into a vibrant community of approximately 60 young adults over the past two years. In 2025, the core team shifted focus from simply offering a warm welcome to fostering deeper communion and fellowship, creating a spiritual family rooted in Christ.

The year's highlights included a July bonfire gathering and an October Rosary Social that drew 70 people instead of the anticipated 12. Despite last-minute location changes and supply challenges, the event became a testament to Our Lady's providence, reminding the team that God's plans far exceed their own. This year also brought four individuals into OCIA to receive their sacraments, **a call to deeper conversion for the entire community.** At the heart of every CPOC gathering is Adoration and the Eucharist, where members bring their wounds, brokenness, and thanksgiving to Our Lord.



CPOC Monthly Meeting



CPOC & R.E.A.L. Formation Team at I AM Congress

## Pure Heart Philippines Faith in Action



Pure Heart Philippines demonstrated how deep community bonds translate into generous action during crisis. After a devastating 6.9 magnitude earthquake struck northern Cebu on September 30, 2025, the community raised approximately \$360 USD in just five days and partnered with the Apostolic Sisters of St. John to distribute goods to approximately 200 families in San Remigio and Daanbantayan.

During the month of October, even amidst crisis, Pure Heart Philippines continued nurturing their spiritual family through meaningful gatherings. Such as, Project Love on October 11 which celebrated fatherhood with speaker Bro. Vic Cabral at St. Joseph Priory Cebu Faith Hub. The eve of St. John Paul II's feast day brought together the community for a men's basketball exhibition game and a women's calligraphy session with Sister Paul Marie, blending fellowship with spiritual reflection.

*Please keep Pure Heart Philippines in your prayers as they continue to recover from the typhoon that hit Cebu a few weeks ago. Some of the Pure Heart missionaries' houses were flooded, and the community needs our support and intercession during this difficult time.*

# Missionary Formation Conference Honduras 2025



In October 2025, more than 50 missionaries from Corazon Puro affiliates across Central America, along with members from New York and New Jersey, gathered for a transformative Missionary Formation Conference in Honduras. This international gathering became a powerful expression of the global unity and shared mission that binds the Corazón Puro family together across borders and cultures. Thank you to all that held us up in prayers and supported us through donations.



**Moisés Silva**  
Coordinator, Corazón Puro Matagalpa

The missionary conference was a river of grace, a true balm from the Lord. It wasn't just training for service; it was an encounter with heaven on earth. Days filled with prayer, fraternity, and friendship brought together missionaries from different places and nations, **united by one God, one mission, and one purpose.**



## TESTIMONIES

For me, it was a return to the source, a renewal of what it means to be Corazón Puro. I contemplated the wonders God has accomplished through years of building a civilization of love, helping those who suffer find their thirst quenched in Christ. That is what mission truly means.

We lived it all: hugs, laughter, tears, exhaustion, deep reflection, unity, and companionship. All the experiences of life, transformed by Christ into something greater, something with eternal purpose.

**Chastity without charity is incomplete.** Chastity is recognizing the gift that the other person is. At Hogar Nazareth, we met young souls with material needs, yes, but even more with a deep need to be seen, valued, and affirmed as unique and irreplaceable. We expressed this through healthy embraces, attentive listening, loving gazes, and quality time. More than material things, our presence made a difference.

God always has more. I am convinced this missionary conference is a powerful instrument to build the future of the Church and spread the living love of Jesus Christ, starting with the missionaries, so that these graces may overflow into the world.

**Teresa Cauto**  
Missionary, Corazón Puro New York

**"In everything, to love and to serve"**, a calling that resonates in my heart and that, through the Honduras 2025 mission, made me a witness, a vessel, and a source.

Sharing with our brothers and sisters of Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, I witnessed their profound love for the Gospel and their boundless, unconditional dedication. Their love and radical welcome reminded me that our Church is universal and that in Jesus we are one.

The tenderness and laughter of the young people and children at Nazareth House lifted my spirit to give glory to God for His generosity and special love for the smallest and most vulnerable. Their embraces, along with the friars' boundless dedication, touched my soul, reminding me of life, slowing my haste, and loosening attachments from my heart.

Thank God for leading me toward an experience that taught me to look with eyes of mercy, even in storms and rainy days. With my heart ablaze with a "yes", a yes I don't regret, a yes that edifies me, I give thanks to Corazón Puro, and I urge you to live this transformative experience.



## VOCATIONS



*Liliana and Alex. NJ*



*Blas and Karen. NY*



*Jessica and Joaquin. TX*

This year, we have been blessed with 15 sacramental marriages and one religious vocation - Andrea Loaisiga from CPNY entered the Carmelites. Please continue to pray for our CP members entering into their vocations!



O.C.I.A. William Paterson University

Confirmation Class of Stamford, CT

### R.E.A.L. FORMATION UPDATES:

The R.E.A.L. Formation app is now being used by more than 400 students, stretching from California all the way to Connecticut! Since our official launch of both the app and books, we've been blessed to see more than 1,000 books sold and countless students and catechists engaging with the program. **Year 1** and **Year 2** of our books, with full app access, are now available, with bilingual books coming in early 2026.

With this growth, we've been actively collecting feedback to continue improving the experience. Our goal is not only to make the app more interactive and user-friendly but also to expand its reach and accessibility.

We're thrilled to welcome **Arturo and Franco** to our team! Their expertise in web and app development and their love for the mission is helping us reimagine the platform with exciting updates - such as improved tracking tools for catechist, a Spanish version of the app, and an OCIA programs.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Stay tuned, these next few months will bring some amazing surprises as R.E.A.L. Formation continues to grow and serve more communities! For more information visit: [www.realformation.com](http://www.realformation.com)



Franco Romani

Arturo Lainez



### SUPPORT OUR MISSION

**Huge thank you to all our donors!** Your support has made all this work possible. We still have much work ahead, and many upcoming events that require support from people like you. In the spirit of humility and abundant generosity, we are asking for your continued prayers and support!

What Your Donation Supports:

To give you an idea of what it costs to carry out the work the Lord is calling us to:

- **Single missionary to Jamaica:** \$1,300 (including travel)
- **Missionary Formation Advanced Preaching I:** \$350 per participant
- **1st Stage Retreat (we have 2 coming up):** \$200 per participant | \$1,000 per out-of-state missionary

Your generosity allows us to form missionary disciples who bring Christ's love to those who need it most.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

- **December: Missionary Formation – Advanced Preaching I, NY**

2026

- **January: Jamaica Mission & First Stage CPOC**
- **February: First Stage Corazón Puro NY & NJ & RE Congress R.E.A.L. Bilingual version launch**
- **April: First Stage Corazón Puro Cartago & Second Stage Corazón Puro NY & NJ.**